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SECDEF: FOR DIRNSA (FORT MEADE, MD)

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ISLAMABAD, NEW DELHI, TEHRAN: ALSO FOR USDAOS

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: MILITARY CONFLICT IN KABUL

REF: KABUL 3225

1. AT 1515 PM MG 21'S APPEARED OVER KABUL, STRAFED KARGAH
EIGHTH INFANTRY BASE AND ROCKETED AND STRAFED AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AREA AT KABUL AIRPORT. FIRE WAS RETURNED FROM
AIRPORT. AN AIR FORCE INSTALLATION TARGET NEAR EMBASSY WAS
ALSO ROCKETED AT 1535.

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2. REBEL FORCES HAVE OCCUPIED MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND
NEIGHBORING SHARI-I-NAU POST OFFICE BUILDING. TANKS ARE
FACING BUILDINGS, APPARENTLY IN SUPPORT. CIVILIAN WORKERS
ARE LEAVING WITH HANDS IN AIR. DEAD BODIES ARE BEING REMOVED
FROM BOTH BUILDINGS. POLICE RESISTING FROM ROOF OF
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ARE BEING FIRED AT BY REBEL TROOPS.

3. TROOPS HAVE REPLACED THE POLICE WHO GUARDED THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND DAO'S RESIDENCE. WE DO NOT KNOW WHICH SIDE THEY REPRESENT. TROOPS IN FRONT OF EMBASSY SAY THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT SIDE THEY ARE ON. THEY CLAIM THAT THEY ARE FOLLOWING THE ORDERS OF THEIR COMPANY COMMANDER.

4. AS OF 1630, WE DO NOT KNOW WHICH SIDE IS WHICH -- EXCEPT FOR THE BUILDINGS DISCUSSED IN PARAGRAPH 2. AFGHAN PROTOCOL OFFICER ABDULLAH YAHYA TARZI HAS ASSURED US AND INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR THAT DAOUD IS "FINE" AND SITUATION "IS BEING BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL". AT CA 1530, DAO CALLED MINISTRY OF DEFENSE PROTOCOL CHIEF GENERAL SULAIMAN, WHO WAS IN HIS OFFICE (IN A BUILDING KNOWN TO HAVE RECEIVED TANK ROUNDS), BUT CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON.

4. RADIO AFGHANISTAN, WHICH TERMINATED ITS MID-DAY BROADCASTING WHEN THE FIGHTING STARTED AT NOON, FAILED TO GO ON THE AIR AGAIN AT 1500, ITS REGULAR TIME. THAT INSTALLATION, NEAR THE EMBASSY, IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF TROOPS.

5. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ANY REPORTS OF INJURIES TO AMERICANS.

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